



HAMILTON COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

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MINUTES

LEPC Meeting, September 10, 2003

A meeting of the Hamilton County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) was held September 10, 2003 at Wally's Restaurant in East Ridge, Tennessee.

Those in attendance were:

Jamie Farrow, Barge, BWSC, **Chairperson**
Bruce Garner, CFD, **First Vice Chairman**
Dane Creel, Kraft Foods, **Vice Chairman**
Wayne Stuntz, HCES, **Secretary/Treasurer**
David Darnell, BASF, **Vice Chairman**
Larry Martin, McKee Foods, **Vice Chair**
Richard Twitchell, Self, **Vice Chairman**
Chris Young, AGL Resources
Bill Tittle, Chief, Emergency Services
Caroline Williams, LWV
Jean Croft (**Visitor**)
Brian Lopez-Cepero, Self
Bill Douglas, ARC
Larry Reich, Tri-State Security Agency
Lori Bachus, TN American Water Co.
Tim McDonald, City of Chattanooga
Evan Todd, Electric Power Board (Visitor)

Buddy Kamin, HCES
Bruce Harrington, ALCO Chemical
Steve Clark, Electric Power Board (Speaker)
Indu Thaker, Hamilton County Engineering
Mike Brooks, East Ridge Fire Dept.
Zeke Duncan, Tri State Gov. Service
Dusty Rominger, W.R. Grace
Brian Lopez-Cepero, City of Chattanooga
Terri Million, DuPont
Jimmy Parks, Health Dept.
Randall Ricketts, Health Dept.
Tim Nance, DPC Enterprises
Mike James, Marion Environmental
Chris McCormick, Marion Environmental
Kevan Parker, HEPACO, Inc.
John Bennett, JIT Terminal

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Old Business

- Minutes for July 9, 2003 LEPC meeting were approved by committee.
- The LEPC Financial report was read by the Secretary/Treasurer and approved as written.
- Chairperson discussed briefly the conditions related to having a collection agency attempt recovery of misappropriated LEPC funds by former employee. The LEPC would not incur cost but the collection agency would take a percentage of whatever was recovered.
- The Secretary informed the committee that in the future, and, in the interest of time and money, the financial report would be submitted by e-mail. Others thru the mail system.

New Business

Sub-committee Update reports:

- Training Subcommittee: Mr. Darnell briefly talked about the three up-coming Annual Emergency Response Refresher classes for Sept 15, 16, & 17 at the Chattanooga Police-Fire Training Center offered by the Burress Advisory Group. The \$3,000 HEMP Grant overage would be used to fund this training.
- Exercise Subcommittee: Mr. Bruce Garner discussed briefly the upcoming Fall exercise to be hosted by Synair Corp. with a tentative date of Oct 27, 2003. Bruce said that the exercise will begin about 8:30 a.m. at Synair's N. Hawthorne location. Scenario particulars still being worked out. Bruce said it promises to be a challenging exercise.

Knoxville County LEPC Conference:

- Mr. Stuntz and Mr. Tim McDonald both said that Knoxville had done a commendable job putting together the Aug 25-26, 2003 East TN Regional LEPC Conference. CEU's were offered. There was excellent vendor attendance and their facility was excellent for such an occasion. The program was very similar to that of Hamilton County LEPC Conferences. Attendance for both days was in the neighborhood of 200 people—an excellent turnout. Great job Knoxville.

LEPC County Fair Booth Update (Sept 27-28): (Chairperson-Ms Farrow)

- 2500 Magnet trinkets with Shelter-in-place procedures finished for handout
- New table cloth with LEPC logo will be used for first time.
- Tier II facilities, school locations were placed on a map prepared by the GIS Dept. to be used to inform the public about potential danger sites in the community.
- List of volunteer's to man the LEPC Booth was confirmed at meeting for both days.

Nominating Committee for Election of LEPC Chair/Vice Chair positions:

- Ms Farrow thanked Nominating Committee for their great job in preparing for this meetings election. They were: Mr Brian Lopez-Cepero, Mr. Dusty Rominger, and Mike Poe.
- Chairperson discussed the need and reasons for adding two more Vice Chair positions to Executive Committee which will provide a total of 7 Vice Chair positions. Motion was made by Mr. Twitchell to add the two new positions, seconded by Mr. Thaker. Motion carried with no nay votes.
- The Nominating Committee polled current Executive Committee members to determine who would run for the LEPC Chair position. All declined except current Chairperson. Motion was made to vote current Chair in by acclamation, seconded and motion carried with no nay votes.
- Mr. Cepero read the names of the seven candidates for Vice Chair position. They are: Mike Beavers, Mike Brooks, Dane Creel, Bruce Garner, Randall Ricketts, Bill Tittle and Dick Twitchell.

- There being no other nominations from the floor, a motion was made by Mr. Reich, and seconded by Mr. Taker to accept the seven nominations by acclamation. Motion carried with no nay votes.

Special Comments:

- Chief, Bill Tittle thanked the LEPC for all that it does. Bill said that the numerous county agencies was very heavily involved in an assessment for the Dept. of Justice and the Office of Homeland Security on terrorism and specifically thanked David Darnell of BASF and John Bennett of JIT Terminal for their professional efforts while working with the assessment committee. Bill reminded the committee that we are one day away from the anniversary of Sept 11 and urged all to keep on alert at their facilities.

Speaker Presentation

- Mr. Dane Creel introduced Mr. Steve Clark from the Electric Power Board who gave an excellent presentation on the September 10, 2003 Blackout in the Northeast U.S. A meaningful discussion/question period followed Mr. Clark's presentation. Mr. Clark's presentation is on tape and a copy of his handout is on file with the LEPC.

Next Meeting

- Next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2003. Location to be determined later.